

5 **COMBINATION RESERVATION AND NAVIGATION SYSTEM
AND METHOD THEREFOR**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 *pmr05* A combination reservation and navigation system (100) and corresponding method (200,
300, 400, 500) includes a reservation communication device (102), a customer communication
device (104), a business communication device (106) and a navigation communication device
(108). The reservation communication device (102) receives reservation information from the
15 business communication device (106) associated with a parking facility. The reservation
information represents a parking space that may be reserved by customers from the parking
facility. The reservation communication device (102) organizes the reservation information
according to predetermined considerations responsive to receiving the reservation information.
The reservation communication device (102) provides the reservation information to various
20 customer communication devices (104) associated with customers responsive to organizing the
reservation information. The reservation communication device (102) receives customer
information, including a request for a reservation for the parking space, from the customer
communication device (104) associated with a customer responsive to providing the reservation
information. The reservation communication device (102) makes the reservation for the parking
25 space associated with one of the parking facilities for the customer responsive to receiving the
request for the reservation. The reservation communication device (102) transmits electronic
navigation information, retrieved from the navigation communication device, to the customer
communication device (104) associated with the customer over a communication link responsive
to the customer making the reservation. The electronic navigation information assists the
30 customer in traveling from a customer geographic location to a business geographic location of
the parking space reserved by the customer. All of the information is communicated over the
communication network (110).